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Is Craniomaxillofacial Surgery somehow different from Neurosurgery?

Thank you very much for your contribution. We agree with the group from anesthesiology, Prabhakar et al., that one should not try to mask the TCR in any type of risky surgery, but this was not mentioned in our article. In addition, we did not generalize; on the contrary we did specify that the classification was for our patients, not for neurosurgical practice. Therefore, the proposed classification is not based on neurosurgery.

We clearly do not agree with the opinion of our colleagues that the TCR is a relevant “warning signal.” The reflex is much too unpredictable in appearance and triggers too easily to work as a “warning signal.” We should emphasize that this reflects our opinion for our field of expertise, which is Oral and Craniomaxillofacial Surgery. Indeed, Craniomaxillofacial Surgery is different from Neurosurgery.